

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 11-14, 17 and 19 have been cancelled. Claims 3, 5, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 34 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 3-5, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 21-34 are pending in this application.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Wetzler (U.S. Pat. No. 3,315,908) in view of Konrad et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 3, 519,214) has been obviated by appropriate amendment. Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 11-14, 17 and 19 have been cancelled, without prejudice to their pursuit in a continuation or divisional application.

Allowable Subject Matter

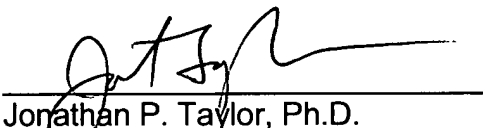
Applicants would like to thank Examiner Rivera for indicating that claims 3-5, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 21-34 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 3, 5, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 34 have been amended to provide for consistency of claim language. Claims 15 and 16 have been amended further to delete the recitation of the liquid add-on of the web, as this was inadvertently added in the previous Amendment and Request for Reconsideration, filed January 6, 2004. Amended claims 3, 5, 9, 15 and 16 correspond to original claims 3, 5, 9, 15 and 16 in independent form. Claims 3-5, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 21-34 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, all of the grounds raised in the present Office Action for rejecting the application are believed to be overcome or rendered moot based on the remarks above. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently presented claims are in form for allowance, and such action is requested in due course. Should the Examiner feel a discussion would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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